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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the  
 enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The  
 paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure  
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(1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached  
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 identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that  
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(2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the  
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[X] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:

[X] a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or

[ ] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

[ ] (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

[X] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)

[ ] (7) The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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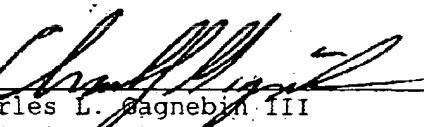
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The attached references were cited in a search report (copy enclosed) which issued in corresponding Swedish Patent Application No. SE 03/00549.

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	US 5,909,904	6/8/1999	Shea	285	405	
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
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	DE 42 29 378 A1	3/10/1994	Germany (with English abstract)			X
	DE 92 05 172.3	7/2/1992	Germany (with English translation of Claim 1)			X
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